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1. ACCORDING TO TEXT IN OFFICIAL PERUVIAN GAZETTE
APRIL 10, GENERAL JORGE FERNANDEZ MALDONADO, PERUVIAN
MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINES, REPRESENTING PERU AT CURRENT
CIPEC MEETING, PRESENTED PERUVIAN POSITION IN POLICY SPEECH
APRIL 9. BRIEF RESUME OF HIGHLIGHTS FOLLOWS.TEXT BEING
POUCHED TO PERU DESK.

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2. "IMPERIALISM" AND INDUSTRILIZED COUNTRIES. MINISTER

CRITICIZED INDUSTRIALIZED COUNTRIES WHOSE "PRODUCTIVE, COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL SYSTEM IS THREATENED WITH SEMI-COLLAPSE" AND WHICH HAVE THEREFORE TRANSFERRED THE COST OF THIS DEVELOPMENT TO THE LDCS. FURTHER, "WE ARE WITNESSING A GRAVE CRISIS FOR THE WORLD IMPERIALIST SYSTEM, WHOSE AGGRESSIVE INTERVENTION IS SUFFERING CONTINUOUS DEFEATS ACROSS THE PLANET. THE PEOPLES OF CAMBODIA, LAOS, AND VIETNAM ARE PROGRESSING INEVITABLY...AND ARE CAPABLE OF DEFEATING THE GREAT IMPERIALIST POWERS, EVEN WHEN THESE MAKE USE OF THE MOST SOPHISTICATED AND REFINED TECHNIQUES OF MASSIVE EXTERMINATION USING THE MOST EVIL AND PERFIDIOUS OF DESTRUCTIVE ARMS."

- 3. PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION. CITING RETREAT OF COLONIALISM IN GUINEA BISSAU, MOZAMBIQUE AND ANGOLA, MINISTER CLAIMED THAT PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION IS A HIGHLY INSTRUCTIVE EXAMPLE OF ANTI-COLONIAL FORCES WHICH HAVE "ATTACKED THE HEART OF THE COLONIAL SYSTEM."
- 4. ROLE OF OPEC. "CREATION OF OPEC IS CONTEMPORARY RUBICON," SAID THE MINISTER, "WHICH HAS CAUSED AN ECONOMIC REDEFINITION WHICH THE WORLD AWAITS. IN THIS REGARD, MNCS HAVE ATTEMPTED TO BLAME THE CAUSES OF THE WORLD ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRISES ON OIL AND, SPECIFICALLY, ON THE OPEC COUNTRIES. THEY WORK, FURTHERMORE, TO DIVIDE THE THIRD WORLD. "IMPERIALISM" HAS EVEN MENTIONED ITS AGGRESSIVE DESIRES, WITH THREATS WHICH INDICATE NOT ONLY ITS LACK OF UNDERSTANDING AND ITS DESPERATION, BUT ALSO ITS REAL AND COMPLETE WEAKNESS. BUT OPEC IS NOW THE ECONOMIC VANGUARD OF THE THIRD WORLD. THUS, OPEC AND CIPEC SHOULD WORK FOR THEIR MUTUALLY COMPLEMENTARY INTERESTS. SUCH COLLOBORATION INCLUDES OPEC FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO CIPEC, AS COPPER PRODUCERS, TO ESTABLISH A PRICE DEFENSE MECHANISM.
- 5. PERUVIAN PROPOSAL FOR WORLD ASSOCIATION OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS. FERNANDEZ MALDONADO ALSO FORMULATED PERUVIAN PROPOSAL THAT NEXT STEP IN BUILDING PRODUCERS' CARTELS SHOULD BE A WORLD ASSOCIATION OF RAW MATERIALS PRODUCERS, "A PERMANENT PREOCCUPATION OF PRESIDENT VELASCO OF PERU."

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6. CIPEC SALES AND PRODUCTION POLICY. ACCORDING TO MINISTER, PERU ALSO SUPPORTS PROPOSAL THAT CIPEC DECIDE IMMEDIATELY TO REDUCE COPPER SALES AND ALSO REDUCE ACTUAL PRODUCTION OF COPPER. HE CLAIMED SUCH A POLICY WOULD DEFEAT JAPANESE EFFORTS TO UNLOAD COPPER STOCKS ON WORLD MARKET AND ASSIST IN MAINTAINING COPPER PRICES.

7. COMMENT: FERNANDEZ MALDONADO, WHOSE CANT AGAINST "IM-

PERIALISM" IS HIS DAILY FARE, APPEARS TO HAVE EXCEEDED EVEN HIS NORMAL GENEROUS BOUNDS DURING CIPEC MEETING. ALL LIMA DAILIES HEADLINED HIS REMARKS, ALTHOUGH EL COMERCIAL DID CARRY AFP STORY POINTING OUT THAT ZAIRE AND CHILE ARE OPPOSED TO FURTHER PRODUCTION CUTS. FERNANDEZ AMLDONADO'S REFERENCES TO PORTUGUESE REVOLUTION REFLECT GROWING AND FAVORABLE PUBLICITY, WHICH GOVERNMENT-DOMINATED PRESS IS NOW GIVING TO PORTUGUESE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS.

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